

## THE NEW PLAYS

"The Inner Man"  
Lacks Substance

BY CHARLES DARTON.

EVEN Wilton Lackaye, with his powerful personality, could not make "The Inner Man" convincing at the Lyric Theatre last night, although he succeeded in acting a strong antagonist. This is the most that can be said for the play by Abraham Broccoli, put forth, let us hope, in a charitable spirit. "The Inner Man" lacks substance.

To reform a criminal on the stage is a hard job. If he strikes out with his fist at a girl during the breakfast hour, you can scarcely expect him to bring his soul into tune with church bells in the evening. He may know, put his arms about his wife and child, and all that sort of thing, yet you feel he is not to be trusted. The playwright, with nothing better to do, makes the best of a bad bargain. He does his utmost to "work up" interest in his play with a prologue in which a district attorney, a judge, a doctor and a philanthropist are drawn from the auditorium to the stage.

This is one way of killing a play. Criminal tendencies and results are argued to a tedious degree. The prologue is simply a waste of time.

Real dramatic interest is felt in the first act, when the burglar is disclosed in his poverty stricken lodgings. But he immediately proceeds to spoil even the atmosphere of poverty by suggesting a badger game, whereby his "girl" makes the rent collector a victim of robbery. What playwright could hope for glory from such a scene? Making into music can never mean drama.

Above all, nothing could be more impossible than the language used by the wealthy philanthropists who invade the burglar's retreat. Their highfalutin' talk is quite enough in itself to drive any one to crime. The wonder is that the bad man of the proceedings can even dream of being "good" when he is drawn into this strange environment. A philanthropist addicted to a high hat and a helpmate with a weakness for low gowns might easily strike terror to the heart of the most cultivated burglar.

In spite of the high cost of liquor, however, the hero of many sentences in the criminal court drank more than was good for him in the last act and robbed his sleeping benefactor, only to make as much noise as a Billy Sunday convert and get down on his knees. With the entrance of his wife and child, the melodramatic picture left nothing to be desired. There was no occasion to look further for the obvious.

In the interesting first act Mr. Lackaye was excellent, and he kept up his good work when he acted as managing director for the philanthropic millionaire. He was altogether in character when he bowed awkwardly to the wealthy reformers. In fact, he put both humor and sincerity into his role, except when he was brought to his knees and found himself wholly at the mercy of the playwright.

Maude Hannaford played an east side girl with a vivid sense of character, and Julie Horne was appealing as the abandoned wife of the thug.

ZIEGFELD'S FOLLIES  
ON NEW AMSTERDAM  
ROOF HAS "GINGER"

The Ziegfeld midnight frolic on top of the New Amsterdam started off last night with a hop, skip and a jump, with plenty of color and charm and ginger. Frances White as the leader of the jazz band was a wonder as well as a big hit in several other stunts and a glorious combination of costumes. Will Rogers, the cowboy rita artist, was a new face on the roof and a welcome addition to the Follies in general.

Ray Raymond has taken the place of popular John McGowan, who has enlisted for the war. He had behind him and before him and around him a bevy of beautiful flappers and equine and broilers in colorful figures and picturesque poses, dainty Venetian, shapely Dianas and some Junos. There was a big crowd on the roof and as many pretty girls in the audience as there were in the show, and a more shapely or prettier bunch than that of the Follies isn't to be found along Broadway.

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The Bowery Burlesquers appeared at the Columbia Theatre last night and presented a lively entertainment consisting of two one-act pieces and vaudeville specialties and musical numbers. "A Night in New

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SOLDIERS DISPERSE MOB  
AT SPRINGFIELD TO-DAY

Purpose of Strikers Seems to Be to Drive Strikebreakers Out of Illinois Capital.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 14.—After a night of rioting, during which many shots were fired and several street cars damaged, State Director of Labor Cohen to-day extended an invitation to striking carmen and the United Company to enter another conference in an attempt to settle the trouble.

The Ninth Illinois Infantry, which was called out early to-day by Cohen is guarding the company's plants and offices. The soldiers dispersed a mob which gathered at the car barns with the avowed purpose of following the example of the Kansas City mob and driving the strikebreakers out of the city.

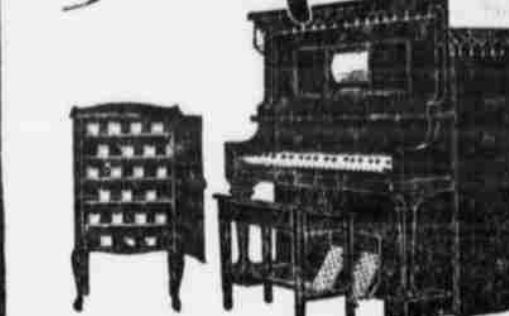
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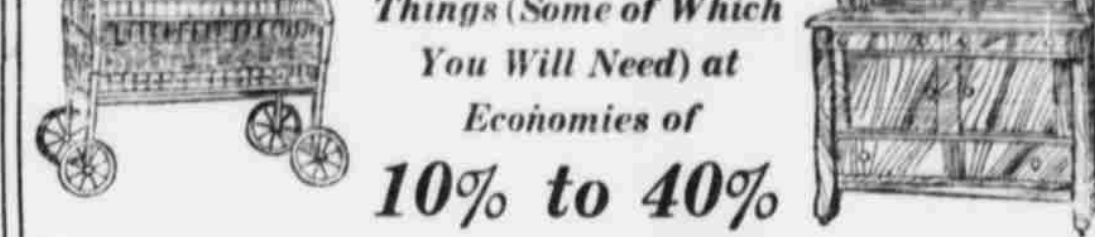
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